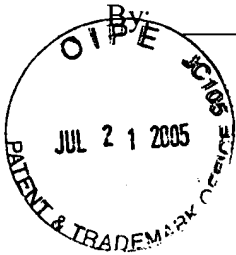


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**AMENDMENT**

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. A Petition for a one month Extension of Time is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows: